

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

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“Though HE slay me,
yet will I trust
in HIM...”

JOB 13:15

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

**This evening's featured podcast speaker will be PASTOR DAVID PLEDGER
PHILIPPIANS 2:16 — HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE**

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***Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

“...we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of LIFE.”

(2 CORINTHIANS 5:4)

FORBEAR & FORGIVE

“...FOR THIS CAUSE I OBTAINED MERCY, THAT IN ME FIRST JESUS CHRIST MIGHT SHEW FORTH ALL LONGSUFFERING, FOR A PATTERN TO THEM WHICH SHOULD HERAFTER BELIEVE ON HIM TO LIFE EVERLASTING.” (1 TIMOTHY 1:16)

As long as we are in this flesh, we will have misunderstandings among us, unpleasantness, and even injustices (we will feel that our rights have been violated and others have been wrong in what they have said and done). What is to be our attitude? It is to be twofold: forbearing one another and forgiving one another. To forbear is to control our emotions, surrendering our rights for the time being in patient hope that God will reveal His purpose and will. To forgive is actually to put the misunderstanding out of mind and restore a state of love and fellowship. Our Lord forbears, that is, He is longsuffering and patient with us, and He forgives, remembering our sins no more.

PASTOR HENRY MAHAN

A BELOVED BROTHER AND FAITHFUL MINISTER IN THE LORD, SHALL MAKE KNOWN TO YOU ALL THINGS.

“AND JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, VERILY I SAY UNTO THEE,
TO DAY SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.” (LUKE 23:43)

Brother Cody, (my pastor, my friend) ministered to me in so many, it seems to me now, innumerable ways. On one occasion, while driving to one of the villages, Cody asked me *“How are things coming along?”* Which I took to mean, *“How was my sermon coming along?”*, I found myself blurting out, as I thought about my poor outline, *“I don’t have a message.”* — I’ll never forget what my pastor said to me. He said *“Joseph, you have the message. We have the message. Christ and Him crucified is the message.”*

I have never forgotten the words of my faithful pastor — indeed for me and God’s people *“a faithful minister of Christ”* (COLOSSIANS 1:7;4:7). From that very day — whenever I catch myself bemoaning my inability, my poorly written outlines, or the poverty of my preaching, I’ve never forgotten what my pastor told me — **“We have the message!”** We have CHRIST! Brother Cody, my beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, indeed made known to me all things. **CHRIST IS ALL!** (COLOSSIANS 3:11)

Brother Cody was sent of the Lord to comfort our hearts and make known to me the gospel of my salvation. Brother Cody was a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, and indeed, made known to His people all things. (EPHESIANS 6:21)

Beloved, *‘to day’* our brother Cody is with his Lord. Amen!

PASTOR

LORD, TEACH ME TO NUMBER MY DAYS

““LORD, TEACH ME TO NUMBER MY DAYS
THAT I MAY APPLY MY HEART TO WIDSOM.” (PSALM 90:12)

Richard Baxter once said, *“I preach as one who may never preach again, and as a dying man to dying men.”* We need to learn the all-important lesson, *“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”* and live our days in CHRIST, awaiting His call (HEBREWS 9:27). It is so foolish to set our affection on a dying world and its short-lived comforts and relationships. Ryle said, *“For a moment of time, men lose a glorious eternity.”* We are toiling and wearing ourselves about trifles, running to and fro like ants on a hill to build that which shall soon crumble, not realizing that in a few years we shall all be gone and another generation will fill our place.

PASTOR **HENRY MAHAN**

THE DELIGHT OF GOD's PEOPLE

"YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM, WHICH IS THE HEAD OF ALL PRINCIPALITY AND POWER"
(COLOSSIANS 2:10)

What is the Delight of God's people? It is CHRIST!

It is HIS blessed person "*He who has seen me has seen the Father*" (JOHN 14:9), HE is the Word made flesh.

If you believe HIM, you have been made to see HIM by God's unspeakable gift. *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.* (EPHESIANS 2:8)

What is the Delight of God's people? It is CHRIST Himself!

Our salvation is by HIS finished work, HE said "*It is finished.*" (JOHN 19:30) Everything I need, everything you need to be reconciled to GOD, HE accomplished. By the sinless life HE lived out on our behalf as a man, HE established righteousness on the earth, and HE gave HIS righteous life as a blood atoning ransom to take away all the sins of His people.

I cry out to GOD's Jerusalem, that the warfare of her salvation is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: beloved of GOD, you have received of the LORD's hand double for all your sins.

If you are born from above, you'll take no delight in yourself... all your delight will be found in CHRIST. Beloved when we...

*"...survey the wondrous cross where
the young Prince of Glory died,
[and your] and my richest gain [we] will count but loss,
and pour contempt on all our pride."*

Our delight beloved, is CHRIST! Where is our delight found? It is found in the LORD JESUS CHRIST; for in HIM we find a full and complete pardon of all our sins, and HIS perfect righteousness made to be ours. Beloved, we are complete in HIM. Amen! PASTOR

*"For GOD's people there is no such thing as goodbye,
for beloved, we shall all meet again. GOD's people
always meet again. Amen!"*

*(READ ROMANS 8; IT BEGINS WITH NO CONDEMNATION
AND ENDS WITH NO SEPARATION. PRAISE THE LORD!)*